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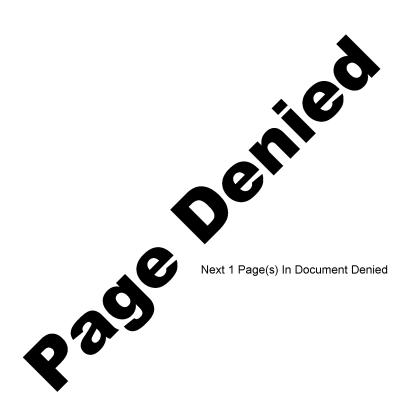
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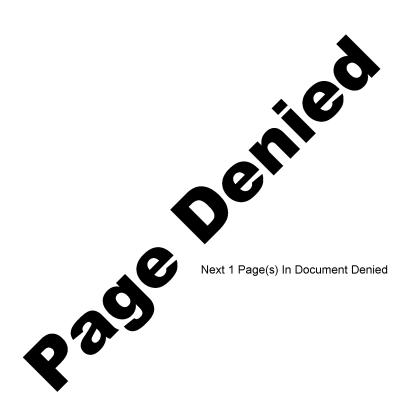
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## MILITARY TRAINING ACTIVITY

## SINKIANG MILITARY REGION

1. An increase in the level of military training has been observed at 31 installations in Sinkian Military Region	25 <b>X</b> 1
2. The activity has occurred region-wide at such diversified installations as airfields border-associated facilities, general storage depots, headquarters facilities, and ground forces facilitie (Figure 3 and Table 1).	
3. The first evidence of armored vehicle training occurred in December 1972 when fresh track activity was observed in a training area at Wu-lu-mu-chi Hq Hsin-chiang Military District Eight tanks and an armored personnel carrier were present at the installation. Large-scale training	
was confirmed in June 1973 when a new armored vehicle driver training area was identified 4 nautical miles (nm) south of Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Barracks AL-7 (Figure 1). Thirty-two tanks of assault guns were in the training area and 82 armored vehicles were at the main installation. Tank	d 25 <b>X1</b> r
were again observed at the training area in August 1973 , suggesting a continuing training cycle.	
4. An increased level of field artillery training was also observed in the fall of 1972. Training areas, consisting of artillery revetments and driver training loops, were identified at fou regimental-sized artillery installations in the Wu-lu-mu-chi area. At least four exercises of battalion size or larger have taken place since the fall of 1972. These exercises appeared to be driver and gun crew orientation, as no impact area for live-fire exercises could be identified. The first live-fire artillery exercise occurred in March 1973 when five impact craters were observed 6,560 feet west of six unoccupied artillery positions at Zekta Barracks and Storage Area. Concurrently a similar exercise took place at A-la-tu-po Army Barracks 2, a known artillery installation.	25X1
5. A possible training cycle for AAA gun training has been identified in Sinkiang Military Region. Annual large-scale exercises, involving from 90 to 174 AAA guns, have taken place in the vicinity of Chang-chi Airfield during the months of July and August since 1971 Thi year, however, a second exercise took place three weeks after the first at Hu-tu-pi Possible AA Training Area, 23 nm west of Chang-chi Airfield. One hundred and seventy-four AA guns were deployed atop hills in what appeared to be a practice bombing range.	s <b>25X1</b>
6. In addition, obstacle courses, practice grenade ranges, small-arms firing ranges, and athletifields, similar to those identified at Po-lo-tung-ku Barracks Area (Figure 2), have been or are being constructed at 22 installations. Thirteen of these installations probably are of regimental size. A dummy tank, used for troop antitank training, was identified at San-tang-hu Barracks Area, near the China/Mongolia border. A dummy tank also has been identified at Ya-erh-pa-shih Airfield.	r V
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## Table 1. Military Training Activity, Sinkiang Military Region

	Name/BE/Coords	Remarks	1	Name/BE/Coords	Remarks
1.	Pu-erh-ching Army Bks AL 2	A single-lane obstacle course and a small-arms firing range were constructed	16.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Camp	
١.	47-46-55N 087-31-00E	between Oct 72 and May 73. This was the first evidence of military activity at this installation.	10.	43-30-42N 087-06-50E	In Mar 73 ground scarring in the snow indicated at least a battalion-sized artillery training exercise had recently taken place.
2.	To-li Army Barracks	Eleven grenade practice ranges and 2 firing ranges were constructed between	17.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Bks AL 23	In Oct 72 a new training area consisting of FA revetments was identified 5 nm
_	45-56-24N 083-37-09E	Jun 71 and Mar 73. This installation is being expanded.		43-36-30N 087-14-20E	south-southwest of the main facility. Ground scarring indicated a recent training exercise had taken place. In Mar 73, 12 FA guns were observed in a new training area 4 mm north of the main facility.
3.	San-tang-hu Bks Area 44-13-00N 093-18-54E	A prob wood and earthen mockup tank was identified at this border-associated installation in Jan 73.	18.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Bks Al-24	In Oct 72 a new training area 4 nm north of the main rachity.  In Oct 72 a new training area consisting of 42 FA revetments, 8 AA gun sites, and driver training loops, was identified 3 nm southwest of the main facility.
4.	Zekta Bks & Stor Area	A live-fire artillery training exercise took place in Mar 73. Five impact craters were 6.560 ft east of 6 unoccupied artillery positions.		43-46-40N 087-25-42E	Between Jul 72 and Aug 73 a poss practice grenade range and an athletic field were constructed.
	43-33-15N 083-06-25E	tion of our court of a discoupled distinct y positions.	19.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Bks South	A new obstacle course and an athletic field were under construction in Jul 73.
5.	A-la-tu-po Bks Area	A live-fire artillery training exercise took place in Mar 73. Five impact craters were 1,640 ft east of 9 unoccupied artillery positions.		43-41-15N 087-34-41E	
	43-28-10N 083-56-00E		20.	Tieh-kung-chang Barracks Area	A new obstacle course and a poss firing range were constructed between Mar
6.	Peng-tu-ling-tsun Bks Area AL 1	A small-arms firing range was constructed between Feb and Oct 72. Over 100  AA training reverments are also in the area.		43-30-50N 086-59-45E	and Jul 73.
	44-10-00N 084-47-40E	The state of the s	21.	<u>Wu-lu-mu-chi Pr</u> ob Army Bks WSE	A new athletic field and trenching were identified in Jul 73.
7.	Yueh-ya-tai Bks Area	This installation was initially identified as being military in Jul 73, when 12 FA guns and 12 mortars were identified in the immediate area. A new firing range		43-42-34N 087-12-29E	
	43-57-36N 085-31-56E	had been constructed between Oct 72 and Jul 73. An athletic field and 2 poss practice grenade ranges were constructed between Jul and Aug 73.	22.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Bks AL-6	The athletic field was reactivated between Jul 72 and Aug 73.
8.	Po-lo-tung-ku Barracks Area	This installation was initially identified as being military in Jul 73, when 3		43-26-55N 087-36-10E	
	43-52-06N 085-37-19E	firing ranges and 3 obstacle courses were observed. Only 1 inactive firing range was present in Oct 72.	23.	Ya-erh-na-shih Airfield	A dummy tank was identified in Jan 73.
9.	Hu-tu-pi Possible AA Training Area	This installation was initially identified in Mar 73, when over 150 unoccupied		43-04-25N 092-48-28E	
	44-01-00N 086-32-19E	AA gun positions were seen. In Aug 73, 174 light to medium AA guns participated in a large AA gun training exercise in this area. (See Chang-chi Airfield)	24.	Hami Airfield 42-50-42N 093-38-19E	A new athletic field and a practice grenade range were constructed between May and Aug 73.
10.	Chang-chi Airfield	Annual AAA gun exercises have been held here during the months of Jul and	25.	Pa-lun-tai Bks Area	Initially identified in Aug 73 when a double-lane obstacle course, a practice
	43-57-06N 087-04-43E	Aug since 71. In Aug 71, 90 AA guns participated. In Aug 72, 125 AA guns participated. In Jul 73, 110 AA guns participated.		42-38-54N 086-17-09E	grenade range, and 2 possible firing ranges were observed. None were present in Oct 72.
11.	Fou-kang Army Barracks A L-1	A poss obstacle course was under construction in Aug 73.	26.	Ho-ching Mil Bks & Stor Area	A new obstacle course was constructed between Oct 72 and Jul 73.
	44-08-30N 088-02-09E			NW AL-1	
12.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Bks AL-7	This installation houses an armored regiment, Major renovations are in progress.		42-17-37N 086-23-10E	
	43-48-40N 087-40-50E	A new armored vehicle driver training range was identified 4 nm south in May 73. Thirty-two tanks or assault guns were on the range. An additional 82	27.	Wu-shih-ta-la Bks Area	An obstacle course was constructed between Mar and Aug 73.
		armored vehicles were at the main installation. At least 13 armored vehicles were again present at the range in Aug 73.		42-11-30N 087-20-19E	
13.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Ammunition Storage Depot	A new obstacle course was identified in Feb 72 at this depot	28.	Chiu-ho-shih Bks A Stor Area 42-15-30N 087-17-02E	A single-lane obstacle course and 2 of the 3 firing ranges present were constructed between Oct 72 and Aug 73.
	43-47-08N 087-39-52E		29.	Kuche Army Bks ENE AL-1	A small-arms firing range was constructed between Sep 72 and Aug 73.
14.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Army Barracks AL 20	In Oct 72, a new training area, consisting of FA revetments and trenching was		41-43-20N 082-59-40E	
	43-41-48N 087-46-45E	identified 2 nm south-southwest of the main facility. Twelve howitzers were present in the training area. In Mar 73, a prob battalion training exercise involving 8 howitzers took place.	30.	Ko-shih Probable Barracks Area	A practice grenade range was constructed between Apr and Aug 73.
15.	Wu-lu-mu-chi Hq Hsin-chiang	In Oct 72, a live-fire exercise was observed in the training area. In Dec 72	31.	39-27-50N 076-00-20E	These shareds assured a service and a servic
	Mil Dist	personnel trenching, and poss armor vehicle tracks were evident in the	31.	Su-lo Army Bks AL-1	Three obstacle courses and a practice grenade range were present in Aug 73. An obstacle course and the practice grenade range were identified in Sep 72; one
	43-47-30N 087-39-05E	training area. In Mar 73 a new obstacle course had been constructed and a circular poss armored vehicle track was identified. Six tanks were at the facility. In May 73 personnel were observed at the obstacle course.		39-24-39N 076-03-33E	obstacle course was constructed between Sep 72 and May 73; one obstacle course was constructed between May and Aug 73.

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